The Committee had to undertake lengthy hearings of witnesses who appeared before it as well as had several meetings to assess the evidence placed before it. The evidence was lengthy and long, many legal issues are involved which have to be carefully assessed before the Committee's Report can be finalised. It is, however, expected that the Report will be submitted to the Government soon.

Percentage of total Budget on Education

2740. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to enhance the percentage of total budget to be spent on education; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) While every effort is made to provide maximum possible funds for education, it is subject to the overall availability of resources and requirement of education sector among other sectors of development.

(b) Does not arise.

Losses of Air India due to P.Ms. Foreign Visits

2741. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that arrangements made for the journeys of Prime Minister abroad has caused loss to Air India exchequer; and

(b) if so, what is the break up of the quantum of loss during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) There is no loss to Air India on account of the arrangements made for the journeys of the Prime Minister abroad because the net revenue loss is included in the charter price. The net revenue loss due to cancellation of flights on account of the journeys of the Prime Minister during the last three years is indicated below:—

(*Rs. in lacs*)

Year	Loss of Revenue
1985	125.00
1986	129.00
1987	34.20

Irregularities in Multi Drug Treatment Programme

2742. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some irregularities in implementation of multi-drug treatment programme for leprosy have been brought to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, what are the details of the irregularities so revealed;

(c) by when this scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(d) what are the reasons for not effectively implementing the scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b)